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QIFA PRIMARY SCHOOL

50, WEST COAST AVENUE. SINGAPORE 128104

Principal's Letter – Term 4, November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

***Every School, a Good School**

Strategic Thrust 4 – Creating Quality Systems

Extended School Hours on Wednesdays (7.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.)

School Hours on the Other Days (7.40 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.)

Research has shown that pupils who are engaged in physical activities on a regular basis tend to perform better academically, and have improved inter- and intra-personal skills and relationships. To encourage children to engage in physical activities and adopt a healthy lifestyle, MOE has increased curriculum time for Physical and Health Education (PHE).

With the increase in PHE curriculum time, the school has to extend school hours on Wednesdays by half an hour. This means that school will function from 7.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from 2017 onwards instead of ending at 1.30 p.m. As we are ending school later, we will have a 10-minute snack time for all the pupils around noon time.

You can pack fruit like an apple or banana, or prepare a light sandwich for your child/ward to eat during the snack time. The school has been encouraging the pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle which includes choice of food therefore we want to send a consistent message to the pupils. We will discourage them from eating tidbits during the 10-minute snack time. Do note that the snack time is not meant to be a lunch break as we are using 10 minutes of the curriculum time for the children to have a quick bite therefore please do not prepare elaborate lunch boxes for this 10-minute snack time.

Change in School Crest



From Old to New



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After extensive consultation and input from various stakeholders including pupils, staff, Parent Support Group and School Advisory Committee, the school received their support to update the school crest.

In the new school crest, the emblem of the tree which forms the central motif of the school crest represents enduring strength and growth. The tree provides shelter and sustenance, signifying the school's desire to provide a safe environment where all can thrive as we seek to achieve the school vision: 'An Achieving School with a Caring Environment'. The roots which spread out symbolises stability and the laying of a strong foundation to equip the pupils with the necessary knowledge, skills and values to blossom and bear fruit as the school name 启发 suggests.

***Every Student, an Engaged Learner**

Strategic Thrust 1 - Providing a Holistic and Value-added Education

Revised CCA & Remedial/Supplementary Schedules

As we continue to review and refine our school programmes, there is a need for us to make changes to our existing CCA & Remedial/Supplementary Schedules. From 2017, P3-6 pupils will have their remedial/supplementary lessons on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. followed by their respective CCA/s from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m.

Change in Form Teachership from P1 to 2

We are in the midst of finalising staff deployment pending confirmation of staff movement from MOE. Although we have en-bloc movement for P1 to 2, there may be a class or two with a change of Form Teacher. We will update you as soon as possible via the SNAC platform for the class/es with a change in Form Teachership.

In Partnership with you

If you have any pressing concerns or constructive feedback for us, please feel free to approach your child/ward's Form, Co-Form and Subject Teachers, or email us at the following school email address: qifa_ps@moe.edu.sg.



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Lastly, I wish you a good year-end break with your child/ren/ or ward(s), and we look forward to having the children back to school on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

May Wong-Tan (Mrs)
Principal